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1. MINISTER OF INTERIOR AMOUZEGAR, IRANIAN OPEC REPRESENTATIVE, PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH AMPLIFIES OBSERVATION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF REFTEL.

2. AMOUZEGAR POINTED OUT THAT LIBYA, IRAQ, AND ALGERIA TRIED THREE TIMES TO CONDEMN PUBLICLY BY NAME THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS "THREATS" AGAINST ARAB OIL FIELDS: ONCE AT THE OPEC MEETING IN VIENNA, THE SECOND TIME WHEN THE FOREIGN AND OIL MINISTERS MET IN ALGIERS, THE THIRD AT THE OPEC SUMMIT MEETING ITSELF. SINCE AMOUZEGAR REPRESENTED IRAN AT ALL THREE OF THESE MEETINGS, HE SAID HE FOUND HIMSELF MAKING THE SAME SPEECH AGAIN AND AGAIN IN RESPONSE, PARTICULARLY TO THE LIBYANS. THE IRANIAN POSITION WAS ON EACH OCCASION THAT SINCE OPEC HAS SAID IT WANTS A DIALOGUE WITH CONSUMER COUNTRIES, IT DOES NO GOOD TO CAUSE OFFENSE BY PUBLICLY LABELING A PARTICULAR COUNTRY AS AN "AGGRESSOR". HE ADDED THAT SINCE EVERYONE KNOWS WHO HAS MADE THE ALLEGED THREATS, IT ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING TO NAME NAMES AND MAKE DIFFICULTIES. DESPITE IRANIAN SUCCESS IN GETTING THIS PROPOSAL TURNED ASIDE AT THE FIRST TWO MEETINGS, LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALLUD STILL

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EMOTIONAL PLEA FOR THIS PROPOSAL. ON THIS OCCASION THE SHAH
GAVE THE IRANIAN REPLY, PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE DECIDED TO
WITHDRAW HIS SUPPORT, AND THE PROPOSAL COLLAPSED FOR THE LAST
TIME.
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